



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2625
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Takefumi NAGATA, et al.

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Examiner: Barry Choobin

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages. A petition for a three month extension of time is being filed herewith, making this response due on or before February 22, 2006.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakazawa *et al.* (US 5,319,719) ["Nakazawa"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicants traverse the rejection.